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Subject: Re: Fwd: Niagara Falls Blvd. Sampling Event
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Attachments: [Consent to Access \(FAoG\).pdf](#)

Mr Fessler,
Please find the completed consent to access form for the Niagara Falls First Assembly of God attached. Mr. Earl Smeal will continue to be the main point of contact for this project as it moves forward.
Blessings,
Mr. Kiley Hand
Church Board Secretary

----- Original message -----

From: "Fessler, Andrew"
Date: 12/03/2013 12:08 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: ESmeal@roadrunner.com
Subject: Niagara Falls Blvd. Sampling Event

Dear Mr. Smeal,
As a follow up to our phone conversation yesterday, I wanted to provide you with some additional information regarding our investigation:
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is investigating potential radioactive slag contamination in subsurface soils associated with the properties located at 9524 and 9540 Niagara Falls Blvd. It is believed that these materials were used here in the 1950s in construction as fill for the original parking lot.
In the past, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) conducted radiological surveys of the site. NYSDOH concluded that the continuing use of both properties did not pose a hazard to either the general public or onsite workers. NYSDOH instructed the property owners to maintain the surface of the parking lot and notify them if the property is sold or the parking lot is disturbed.
The NYDEC asked EPA Superfund to conduct their own investigation in order to see if the site qualified for a Federal cleanup. Below is a description of how the EPA Superfund program discovers sites.
EPA SUPERFUND PROGRAM
EPA conducts investigations, like the one here in Niagara Falls, at properties where hazardous substances may have been released into the environment.
The process begins with discovery of a Site or notification to EPA of a possible release of a hazardous substance to the environment. Sites are discovered by various parties, including citizens, State agencies, and EPA Regional offices. Once these sites are discovered, EPA will evaluate the potential for a release of hazardous substances from the site. This evaluation is done through collecting environmental samples and searching through historical documents.
If EPA determines that a release is imminent or that a release has occurred, steps will be taken to determine and implement the appropriate response to secure the release and to clean up the associated hazardous substances.

For this site, we are interested in taking a background sample from the soils on the church property as a comparison. Through historical documentation research, we believe that the sampling point we have chosen is representative of background levels (meaning typical for the area), with which we can compare to the relative levels of contamination on site.

We generally ask permission to take samples by our access consent form, which I am attaching to this e-mail. I will be able to discuss all of this and any other questions you have this evening on the conference call at 6:10p.m. if that is still agreeable with you. Please confirm if this is the correct time and if you are able to conduct the call.

Thank you for your time, please don't hesitate to call for any clarification.

Sincerely,

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